(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement reached and expectations for the future of Sino-India relation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Government is aware of press reports to this effect.

(b) During Prime Minister's visit to China in June 2003, a Joint Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation between India and China was signed by the two Prime Ministers. Ten agreements were also signed in the presence of the two Prime Ministers, namely: (i) MoU on Simplifying Visa Procedures; (ii) MoU on Expanding Border Trade; (iii) MoU on Cooperation between the Ministry of Law and Justice of India and the Supreme People's Prosecution Service of China; (iv) Executive Programme for Educational Cooperation and Exchanges (2003-06); (v) Executive Programme for Cultural Exchanges (2003-05); (vi) MoU for the Reciprocal Establishment of Cultural Centres in Capitals; (vii) MoU for Enhanced Cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy; (viii) MoU for Cooperation in the field of Ocean Science and Technology; (ix) MoU for Cooperation between the Department of Science and Technology of India and the National Science Foundation of China; and (x) Protocol on Phytosanitary Requirements for Exporting Mangoes from India to China.

India and China agreed to qualitatively enhancing the bilateral relationship at all levels and in all areas while addressing differences through peaceful means in a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable manner.

US Sanctions on China

510. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that USA has imposed sanctions on China and Iran for ballistic missile cooperation which will deprive a large Chinese conglomerate of more than $100 million exports to the USA;

(b) whether China has also been supporting Pakistan nuclear and missile programme without similar action being taken against it; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) Yes. On May 23, 2003, the U.S. State Department imposed a two-year ban on U.S. imports from North China Industries Corporation (NORINCO), because the Chinese firm engaged in proliferation activities. According to news reports, NORINCO provided missile technology to Iran.

(b) Sanctions were imposed on China and Pakistan by the USA for transfer of missile related equipment in the past, the latest being in September 2001.

(c) Government has consistently highlighted, in relevant fora, the adverse effect on the security environment of continuing nuclear and missile proliferation in India's neighbourhood in the face of various export control regimes, and declarations of restraint and restrictions by supplier countries.

Incorrect depiction of Indian maps

511. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian maps wrongly depicted by various publications abroad and examined by the Policy Planning and Research Division of his Ministry during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of cases of incorrect depiction of the Indian map registered during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the rectifications that have been carried out in the wrong maps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) According to the information available with the Ministry of External Affairs, given below is the break-up of the maps published during the last three years which do not depict India's external boundaries correctly:—